suitable contractors, railway Out Agencies could not be opened. Opening of Government Railway Police Post concerns the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Training of Forest Guards/Officers

3421. SHRI BHERULAL MEENA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Guards and Forest Range Officers in the Forest Department of Delhi have been provided any training; and

(b) if not, the details of the scheme for imparting necessary training to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the matter is reported to be under consideration in consultation with the Directorate of Training, Delhi Administration for making provision and facilities of training to lower level field staff of the Forest Department. For training of Forest Rangers, it is expected that seats will be allotted in the State Forest Rangers Training Colleges in different states.

Asthma Patients

3422. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of Asthma patients in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) the approximate number of patients suffering from asthma in each State and Union Territories; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the speared of the disease in rural and urban areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). No statistics are specifically maintained regarding the Asthma patients in the country. However, a statement showing cases & deaths due to Bronchitis, chronic & unspecified emphysema and Asthma in various States/Uts. of India during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 is encloased.

There is no separate scheme for checking spread of this disease.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	State/UTs.	1987			1988			1989		
		OPD	IPD	DEATHS	O PD	IPD	DEATH	OPD	IPD	DEATH
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	392229	3409	21	357153	2610	16	*	*	*
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3.	Assam	100059	2814	106	117554	3279	87	118081	1927	66
4.	Bihar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
5.	Goa	3369	687	10	20229	1122	21	26883	915	20
6.	Gujarat	177586	10226	488	180772	10906	576	*	*	*
7.	Haryana	273603	8656	306	288235	9597	386	266545	6786	307
8.	Himachal Pradesh	95993	2252	54	58833	4620	38	*	*	*
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10.	Karnataka	215426	10417 •	281	247662	7953	322	313786	9689	227

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11.	Kerala	1211770	63609	246	945862	52651	339	1037993	62970	378
12.	Madhya Pradesh	130131	13269	946	170615	11703	184	131817	8866	0
13.	Maharashtra	9278	9875	627	70916	11480	613	34981	6320	386
14.	Manipur	3309	128	6	1639	143	2	*	*	*
15.	Meghlaya	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16.	Mizoram	8613	541	5	9883	765	5	9440	262	0
17.	Nagaland	11507	503	0	7184	504	8	5511	232	1
18.	Orissa	149797	3341	156	136440	3262	135	*	*	*
19.	Punjab	395447	7860	304	356102	6801	235	327385	7170	352
20.	Rajasthan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
21.	Sikkim	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
22.	Tamil Nadu	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
23.	Tripura	4156	285	4	8894	1996	19	3915	1129	21
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2308845	9065	193	411059	11658	224	*	*	*
25.	West Bengal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
26.	A & N Island	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
27.	Chandigarh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
28.	D & N Haveli	1	1	0	589	1	0	3042	107	2
29.	Delhi	7878	214	0	6925	7249	34	34779	1279	0
30.	Daman & Diu	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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		OPD	IPD	DEATHS	O PD	IPD	DEATH	OPD	IPD	DEATH
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
31.	Lakshadweep	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
32.	Pondicherry	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	TOTAL	3499002	147152	3753	3396446	148300	3244	2314158	107652	1760

Note:-

1. * = Information not received
2. The data relates to patients treated in medical institutions only
3. Data is not comparable due to ill-defined coverage.
4. The data shown against Goa for the year 1987 & 1988 relates to Goa, Dama & Diu. .